

# **Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education**

## **Open Session**

**April 14, 2014**

### **MINUTES**

**A meeting of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was held on April 14, 2014 at 8:45 am in room 401 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island. This meeting was held in accordance with the provisions of the Rhode Island OPEN Meetings Law.**

### **OPEN-SESSION MINUTES**

#### **BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

**Bloom, Elizabeth**  
**Brier, Jessica**

**Cahill, Michelle**  
**Damon, Linda**

**Jean, Marie**

**Matteson, Peggy**

**Pezzillo, Maria**

**Raposo, Manuela**

**Tierney, Anne**

**Twardowski, Linda**

**Young, Kristen**

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

**Blier, Diane**

**Cairns, Carol**

**STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

**Twila McInnis, Director of Nurse Registration & Education, Board of Nursing**

**Kathleen Marino, Case Manager**

**Jane Morgan, Legal Counsel**

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

**Bob Casey**

**Linda McDonald UNAP**

**Chris Gadbois RISNA Sylvia Webber RISNA**

**David Becker NEIT**

**Ruth Ricciarelli, HARI/Ctr. Health Professions**

**Ann-Marie Simard Lincoln Technical Institute**

**Patty Deluca Lincoln Technical Institute**

**Eileen Gray Slave Regina University**

**Eleanor Clapprood NPARINancy Barr RN**

**8:50m CALL TO ORDER: Establishment of Quorum**

**1.0 8:53m MINUTES – March 3, 2014**

**Motion to accept with revisions: 1st Anne Tierney,  
2nd Michelle Cahill**

**2.0 8:50 am ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES**

**President's Report: Overview of information obtained from the  
NLCA and the NCSBN Mid-Year Meetings**

**Director's Report**

**Introduction of Kathleen Marino, Paralegal now working for  
the Board.**

**Nursing License Applications: Many applicants and  
facilities complain that the process takes too long. Applicants are  
losing jobs and future employees are having their positions filled by  
others who are licensed first. On the License Application it requests  
that the applicant please allow a minimum of 8 weeks for the entire  
licensure process to be completed. Department of HEALTH will not,  
for any reason accelerate the processing of one applicant at the  
expense of others.**

**Discussion followed:**

**(1) In this electronic age waiting 2 months to obtain a license seems to be an unnecessary period of not being able to work at the level of education.**

**(2) Other states complete this process much faster.**

**Questions:**

**Can we outsource to other agencies as other states do?**

**Can temps be hired to assist during the predictable busy periods of renewal as well as during graduation times and new applications?**

**Can an electronic spread sheet be developed so that when an application comes in it is checked for completeness and if something is missing the person is notified?**

**Currently if someone calls in to find out the status of their application it must be found and reviewed before the person is given an answer. This is not time efficient**

**Is there computer capability so that applicants can track the process of their application. like UPS does with packages?**

**President of the Board and the Director were asked to raise the concerns of the Board and the attendees with Dr. Fine. These issues have been discussed with Dr. Fine.**

**Distributed:**

**Journal of Nursing Regulation, April 2014**

**MOLST: Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment**

**ANA Licensure Jurisdiction**

## **Tri-Regulator Collaborative**

### **List of new licenses issued in RI**

**Statements shared by other states regarding RN administration of Propofol and other anesthetics**

#### **9:30 am BUSINESS**

**Reports from the work groups of the Board of Nursing:**

**Task Force Updating Rules and Regulations. Lead: Linda Damon:**

**Update from Bill Dundulis who is responsible for turning all health related laws into regulations: Additional steps have been added to the process since the development of the last rules and regulations. It is now a minimum of 45 from the time he completes them so that the Director can sign off on them to the earliest date that a hearing may be held. Hope for a hearing date by the end of May.**

**Task Force on Education. Lead; Maria Pezzillo: Annual reports from schools of nursing have been received and are to be reviewed.**

**Task Force on Skill Remediation, Lead: Linda Twardowski: Focused of 2 issues: remediation of specific skills of nurses who have had a complaint filed against them and process for updating a nurse who has been out of direct patient care for more than a year. Questions being answered are:**

**(1) What is the frequency of need for remediation or updating of skills?**

**(2) What is the current status of the Skills course for returning RNs listed as available at UMass Dartmouth?**

### **3.0 9:45 am ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Dr. Eileen Gray announced new DNP Program at Salve Regina University**

**Application deadline is June 1, 2014 with some flexibility. The first class has a tuition discount.**

**Elizabeth Bloom announced that CharterCARE, which is comprised of St. Joseph Health Services of RI and Roger Williams Medical Center, is entering into a joint venture with Prospect Medical Holdings and as a result the School of Nursing will be under new ownership.**

**David Becker: New England Technical Institute's on-line RN to BSN program is fully accredited**

**Chris Gadbois: RISNA Nurses Day events on May 7th**

**RISNA: First meeting of APRNs was held weeks ago. A second meeting will be planned when the new rules and regulations are available for review.**

### **4.0 10:00 am ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING**

**C13-806 Linda Tetu-Mouradjian RN18239**

### **5.0 2:00 pm ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 of the Rhode Island General**

**Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licensees; investigatory proceedings relating to misconduct by applicants for licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Said individuals have been notified in advance in writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an open meeting.**

**6.0 3:00 pm Return to OPEN Session**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING**

**Leah Normandin RN40547**

**7.0 3:55 pm Final Actions**

**8.0 4:00 pm Adjourn**

**Motion to Adjourn: 1st Marie Jean, 2nd Michelle Cahill**